

### REMARKS

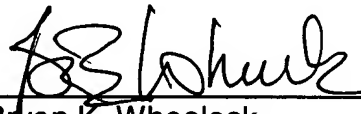
Claims 1-34 are now pending in this application. Three new independent claims were added by this Preliminary Amendment. A check for the \$156.00 fee for the additional claims is enclosed. It is believed that this amount is correct, but if it is not correct, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 08-0750.

### CONCLUSION

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7505.

Respectfully submitted,

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